

REMARKS

Applicants cancel claim 12. Claims 1-11 and 13 remain pending in the application. Claims 7-9 have been withdrawn from consideration, Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional and/or continuation application directed to any of the withdrawn claims. Applicants amend claim 5 for a minor correction. No new matter has been added.

Applicants acknowledge with appreciation the Examiner's allowance of claims 1-6 and 13, and respectfully submit that the provided reasons for allowability include only the Examiner's non-exhaustive interpretations, which should not limit the overall scope of the claims.

The Examiner objected to the title of the invention as being not descriptive. Applicants amend the title to clearly indicate the invention, and request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The Examiner objected to the abstract of the disclosure for not setting forth the nature and gist of the invention. Applicants amend the abstract to correspond with the claimed invention, and request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

The Examiner objected to Fig. 12 for being unclear. Applicants submit a Replacement Sheet for Fig. 12 with clear lines and characters.

The Examiner objected to Figs. 1-3 under MPEP § 608.02(g) for failing to designate that which is old as "Prior Art." Applicants respectfully submit that these figures were used to illustrate the preferred embodiments of the invention as described in the specification, and were not admitted to be prior art. Accordingly, Applicants request that the Examiner indicate acceptance of the drawings.

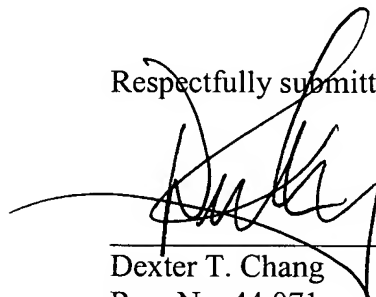
The Examiner objected to the specification for failing to provide proper antecedent basis for claim 12. Applicants cancel claim 12, and respectfully request that the Examiner withdraw the objection.

Applicants separately submit the non-US references requested by the Examiner in an Information Disclosure Statement ("IDS").

In view of the remarks set forth above, this application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested. However, if for any reason the Examiner should consider this application not to be in condition for allowance, the Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned attorney at the number listed below prior to issuing a further Action.

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